

to Public Law 108–173, appointed the following individual to serve as a member of the Commission on Systemic Interoperability: Fredrick W. Slunecka of South Dakota. **Pages S3729–30 (April 5, 2004 Record)**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—67) **Pages S3894, S3894–95**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 8:08 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Thursday, April 8, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S3952.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the National Guard and Reserve, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General H. Steven Blum, ARNG, Chief, National Guard Bureau; Lieutenant General Roger C. Schultz, ARNG, Director, Army National Guard; Lieutenant General Daniel James III, ANG, Director, Air National Guard; Lieutenant General James R. Helmly, USAR, Chief, Army Reserve; Vice Admiral John G. Cotton, USNR, Chief, Naval Reserve; Lieutenant General Dennis M. McCarthy, USMCR, Commander, Marine Forces Reserve; and Lieutenant General James E. Sherrard III, USAFR, Chief, Air Force Reserve.

APPROPRIATIONS: IRS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and General Government concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), focusing on tax law enforcement and information technology challenges, after receiving testimony from Mark W. Everson, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, and Pamela J. Gardiner,

Acting Inspector General for Tax Administration, both of the Department of the Treasury.

APPROPRIATIONS: ARMY/NAVY MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for Army and Navy military construction programs, after receiving testimony from Geoffrey G. Prosch, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations and Environment); Major General Larry J. Lust, Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management, Department of the Army; Major General Walter F. Pudlowski, Jr., Special Assistant to the Director, Army National Guard; Brigadier General Gary M. Profit, Deputy Chief, Army Reserve; Hansford T. Johnson, Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment); Rear Admiral Michael Loose, Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command; and Brigadier General Willie Williams, Assistant Deputy Commandant for Installations and Logistics (Facilities), U.S. Marine Corps.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for certain Department of Agriculture programs, after receiving testimony from Keith Collins, Chief Economist, J.B. Penn, Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agriculture Services, Mark E. Rey, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, Joseph Jen, Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, and Gilbert G. Gonzalez, Acting Under Secretary for Rural Development, all of the Department of Agriculture.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded open and closed hearings to examine the proposed Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2005, focusing on defense intelligence programs and lessons learned in recent military operations, after receiving testimony from Stephen A. Cambone, Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, Lieutenant General Keith B. Alexander, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G–2, Department of the Army; Rear Admiral Richard B. Porterfield, USN, Director of Naval Intelligence, Headquarters, U.S. Navy; Major General Ronald F. Sams, USAF, Director of Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance, Department of the Air Force; Michael H. Decker, Acting Director for Intelligence, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps; and Brigadier General Donald C.

Wurster, USAF, Director for Intelligence and Information Operations, U.S. Special Operations Command.

NATIONAL BANK PREEMPTION RULES

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the National Bank Preemption Rules, focusing on Office of the Comptroller of the Currency rulemakings pertaining to the applicability of State laws to national banks, after receiving testimony from John D. Hawke, Jr., Comptroller of the Currency, Administrator of National Bank, Department of the Treasury; North Carolina Attorney General Roy Cooper, Raleigh; Gavin M. Gee, Idaho Department of Finance, Boise, on behalf of the Conference of State Bank Supervisors; Martin Eakes, Self-Help and Center for Responsible Lending, Durham, North Carolina; Joe Belew, Consumer Bankers Association, Arlington, Virginia; William M. Isaac, Secura Group, Falls Church, Virginia; and Walter T. McDonald, National Association of Realtors, Arthur E. Wilmarth, Jr., George Washington University Law Center, and James D. McLaughlin, American Bankers Association, all of Washington, D.C.

NEAR EARTH OBJECTS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space concluded a hearing to examine the nature and origin of Near Earth Objects (asteroids and periodic comets), including the potential hazard they may pose, after receiving testimony from G.W. Van Citters, Director, Division of Astronomical Sciences, National Science Foundation; Lindley N. Johnson, Program Scientist, Near Earth Object Observation Program, Office of Space Science, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Grant H. Stokes, Near-Earth Object Science Definition Team, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Lincoln Laboratory, Lexington; Michael D. Griffin, Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory, Laurel, Maryland; and Rusty Schweickart and Edward Lu, both of B612 Foundation, Tiburon, California.

COAST GUARD OVERSIGHT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Fisheries and Coast Guard concluded an oversight hearing to examine U.S. Coast Guard activities, readiness, mission balance, and the proposed budget request for fiscal year 2005, after receiving testimony from Admiral Thomas H. Collins, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; and Margaret T. Wrightson, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, General Accounting Office.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1814, to transfer federal lands between the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior;

S. 441, to direct the Administrator of General Services to convey to Fresno County, California, the existing Federal courthouse in that county, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2286, to designate the Orville Wright Federal Building and the Wilbur Wright Federal Building in Washington, District of Columbia; and

The nominations of Stephen L. Johnson, of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator, Ann R. Klee, of Virginia, and Benjamin Grumbles, of Virginia, each to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, Charles Johnson, of Utah, to be Chief Financial Officer, all of the Environmental Protection Agency, and Gary Lee Visscher, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DRINKING WATER

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Water concluded an oversight hearing to examine the detection of lead in District of Columbia drinking water, focusing on needed improvements in public communications and the status of short- and long-term solutions, after receiving testimony from Benjamin H. Grumbles, Acting Assistant Administrator for Water, and Donald S. Welsh, Administrator, Region III, both of the Environmental Protection Agency; Thomas P. Jacobus, General Manager, Washington Aqueduct, Baltimore District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Jerry N. Johnson, District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority, Daniel R. Lucey, District of Columbia Department of Health, Gloria Borland, Dupont Circle Parents, and Dana Best, Children's National Medical Center, all of Washington, D.C.; and Jody Lanard, Princeton, New Jersey.

MEDICAID HOME AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine strategies to improve access to Medicaid home and community based services, focusing on giving older Americans and people with disabilities greater choices by expanding access to community based services, including the President's New Freedom Initiative and related measures S. 971 and S. 1394, after receiving testimony from Senator Harkin;

Dennis Smith, Director of the Center for Medicaid and State Operations, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Carol Novak, Member, National Council on Disability; Ray Gerke, Iowa Olmstead Real Choices Consumer Task Force, Perry; Bruce E. Darling, Center for Disability Rights, Rochester, New York, on behalf of the ADAPT Community; Di Findley, Iowa CareGivers Association, Des Moines; and Jan Moss, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

OIL-FOR-FOOD PROGRAM

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the United Nations oil-for-food program to address the humanitarian needs of the people of Iraq, focusing on recent allegations of possible mismanagement and abuse with regard to the implementation of the program, after receiving testimony from John D. Negroponte and Patrick F. Kennedy, each a United States Representative to the United Nations, United States Mission to the United Nations, New York, New York; Robin L. Raphel, Iraq Reconstruction Coordinator, Department of State; Joseph A. Christoff, Director, International Affairs and Trade, General Accounting Office; and Michael J. Thibault, Deputy Director, Defense Contract Audit Agency, Department of Defense.

HIV/AIDS IN AFRICA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs concluded a hearing to examine a progress report on fighting HIV/AIDS in Africa, focusing on funding for international health care initiatives HIV counseling and testing, and antiretroviral therapy, after receiving testimony from Randall L. Tobias, U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator, Department of State; Jonathan H. Mermin, Public Health Epidemiologist, Country Director for GAP Uganda, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; Ernest Darkoh, African Comprehensive HIV/AIDS Partnerships, Gabarone, Botswana; and Lulu Oguda, Doctors Without Borders, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Marc McGowan Wall, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Chad, John Campbell, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Nigeria, and Scott H. DeLisi, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to Eritrea, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

POSTAL REFORM

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee continued hearings to examine U.S. Postal Service reform issues, focusing on the chairmen's perspective on

governance and rate-setting, including the ability of a modern system of ratemaking to provide adequate public protection while affording management the flexibility to easily and quickly adjust rates as circumstances and customers needs require, after receiving testimony from George Omas, Chairman, United States Postal Rate Commission; and S. David Fineman, Chairman, United States Postal Service Board of Governors.

FEDERAL PRISON INDUSTRIES

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Management, the Budget, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine S. 346, to amend the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act to establish a governmentwide policy requiring competition in certain executive agency procurements, after receiving testimony from Senators Thomas and Stabenow; Harley G. Lappin, Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons, and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Prison Industries, Department of Justice; Jack R. Williams, Jr., Assistant Regional Administrator, Federal Supply Service (Region 3), General Services Administration; John M. Palatiello, Management Association for Private Photogrammetric Surveyors, Reston, Virginia, on behalf of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce; Kurt Weiss, U.S. Business Interiors, Alexandria, Virginia, on behalf of the Office Furniture Dealers Alliance; Andrew S. Linder, Power Connector, Inc., Long Island, New York; and Philip W. Glover, Council of Prison Locals, American Federation of Government Employees (AFL-CIO), Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1955, to make technical corrections to laws relating to Native Americans, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

NINTH CIRCUIT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts concluded a hearing to examine a proposal to split the Ninth Circuit, focusing on the administrative aspects of a split, with reference to the most recent restructuring of a federal judicial circuit, including related measures S. 562 and S. 2278, after receiving testimony from Senator Murkowski; Diarmuid F. O'Scannlain, Mary M. Schroeder, Richard C. Tallman, and J. Clifford Wallace, each a Circuit Judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit; Gerald B. Tjoflat, Circuit Judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit; and John C. Coughenour, Chief District Judge for the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington.

GASOLINE PRICES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights concluded a hearing to examine crude oil relating to higher gas prices, focusing on merger enforcement in the oil and gasoline industries, gasoline monitoring and investigation initiative, the effects of market concentration on gasoline prices, and “boutique fuels”, after receiving testimony from Senator Wyden; William E. Kovacic, General Counsel, Federal Trade Commission; John Felmy, American Petroleum

Institute, and Mark Cooper, Consumer Federation of America, on behalf of Consumers Union, both of Washington, D.C.; Justine S. Hastings, Yale University Department of Economics, New Haven, Connecticut; and George A. Bermann, Columbia University School of Law, New York, New York.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. Pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 361, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate, it stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 20, 2004.

Committee Meetings

No Committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR
THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2004**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Corporation for National and Community Service, 10 a.m., SD-628.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Office of the Architect of the Capitol and the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, 11 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for foreign operations, 2:30 p.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings, in closed session, to examine military implications of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea; to be followed by an open session at 11 a.m. in SD-106, 10:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to resume hearings to examine current investigations and regulatory actions regarding the mutual fund industry, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 11 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine National Park Service concessions program, including implementation of the National Park Service Concessions Management Improvement Act (Public Law 105-391), 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on European Affairs, to hold hearings to examine anti-Semitism in Europe, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine implementing the Medicare Prescription Drug Program, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert Bryan Harwell, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, George P. Schiavelli, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, William Duane Benton, of Missouri, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, and Curtis V. Gomez, to be Judge for the District Court of the Virgin Islands, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine safety concerns of America's Mass Transportation System, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

House

No Committee meetings are scheduled.